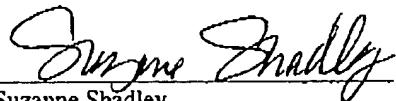


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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This Amendment A is submitted in response to the Office action dated October 6, 2006, together with a request for a 3 month extension of time, bringing the period for response to on or before April 6, 2007. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the above-referenced patent application on the merits in view of the following remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are requested as set forth below in the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims". Remarks relating to such amendments and responsive to the aforementioned Office action follow thereafter in the section entitled "Remarks".